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Office Action Summary	Application No. 09/829,054	Applicant(s) RAMOS ET AL.	
	Examiner Kwang B. Yao	Art Unit 2667	

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 09 April 2001.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-14 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 9-14 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1 and 5 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 2-4 and 6-8 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Specification

1. The abstract of the disclosure is objected to because it should be in narrative form and generally limited to a single paragraph on a separate sheet within the range of 50 to 150 words. Correction is required. See MPEP § 608.01(b).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

2. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

3. Claims 1 and 5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Vileid et al. (US 6,778,500) in view of the admitted prior art.

Vileid et al. discloses a communication system comprising the following features: regarding claim 1, maintaining a link selector value (Link Selector Parameter LSP) in a memory (column 3, lines 4-33; column 4, lines 55-65; column 5, line 9 to column 6, line 10); determining that the message does not require in-sequence delivery (column 1, lines 31-34; column 2, line 66 to column 3, line 3); and selecting the link set according to the link selector value (Link Selector Parameter LSP; column 3, lines 4-33; column 4, lines 55-65; column 5, line 9 to column 6, line 10); regarding claim 5, receiving a request for delivery of the message (see column 3, lines 4-33; column 4, lines 55-65; column 5, line 9 to column 6, line 10). Vileid et al. does not disclose the

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following features: selecting the link set according to the combination of the destination point code, the signaling link selection code.

The admitted prior art discloses a communication system comprising the following features: selecting the link set according to the combination of the destination point code, the signaling link selection code (see pages 1-6 of the present application). It would have been obvious to one of the ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to modify the system of Vileid et al., by using the features, as taught by the admitted prior art, in order to provide an efficient data communication system by improving load balancing capabilities. See the present application, page 1, lines 14-15.

Allowable Subject Matter

4. Claims 9-14 are allowed.
5. Claims 2-4, 6-8 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Conclusion

6. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Rabourn et al. (US 6,377,675) discloses a method for even SLS code distribution.

Milne et al. (US 5,848,069) discloses a method for signaling link selection.

Angenot et al. (US 5,650,998) discloses a method for reassigning traffic.

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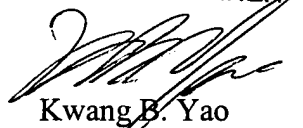
Choi et al. (US 5,029,165) discloses a method for allotting the signal links.

7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Kwang B. Yao whose telephone number is 571-272-3182. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Chi H Pham can be reached on 571-272-3179. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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